

**V. REMARKS**

Entry of the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment: a) places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; b) does not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration because the Amendment amplifies issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; and c) places the application in better form for appeal, should an Appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. The amendments to the subject claims do not incorporate any new subject matter into the claims. Thus, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-11 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Morrow et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0064771) in view of IGT-Euronews Winter 1997 edition. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The office action asserts that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to incorporate the teachings of the IGT Game King multi-game platform to Morrows invention in order to compete with commercial success of its competitor, and the multiple payables feature is only a predictable outcome for any gaming machine manufactured since 1997 in order to keep in pace with the market.

In addition, the office action asserts that Morrow discloses wherein the controller also authenticates effectiveness of a password inputted by an operation of a manager for managing the gaming machine, and changing the amount of payout on the basis of a result of an authentication device ([0040-0041]), private key and public key also known as a Key Chip.

However, the gaming machine of the present invention is provided with an image display device having a capability of displaying a password input screen, thereby requiring no security devices to authenticate operators who attempt to use the gaming

machine, unlike Morrow and the IGT Game King multi-game platform. Accordingly, for the gaming machine of the present invention, operators do not require carrying a security device with them to change configuration parameters, so that they do not have to bear safekeeping of the security device in their mind.

In addition, Morrow and the IGT Game King multi-game platform are provided with an authentication means by way of a security device, and thus there is no motive to provide an authentication means by inputting security codes from the password input screen displayed by way of the image display device as disclosed in the present invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention has an inventive step over the combination of Morrow and the IGT Game King multi-game platform because the combination does not achieve the gaming machine provide with an authentication means in which operators does not have to carry any security devices with them, unlike the present invention.

More specifically, it is respectfully submitted that that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claims as discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art could not combine the features of the applied art to arrive at the claimed invention because the applied art is devoid of all the features of the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the applied art.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and

remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

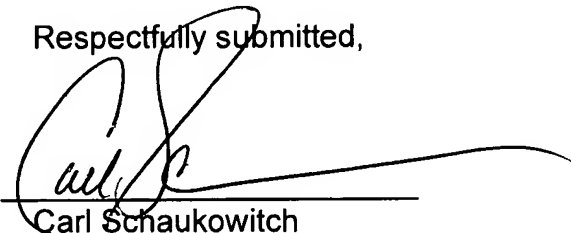
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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